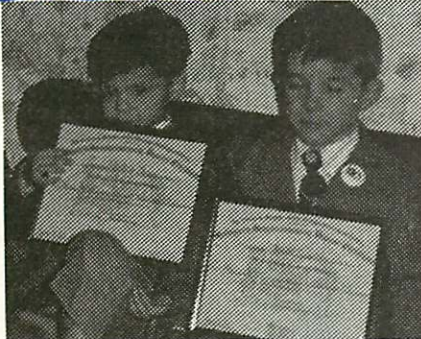




Wisner Descendants Receive Michigan Sesquicentennial Certificates



James Robert Wallace and David McGregor Wallace
7th Generations

In celebration of the State's Sesquicentennial, an Open House was held at the Gov., Moses Wisner Historic House, on Sunday, January 18th, honoring the Michigan Governors, past and present, who were residents of Oakland County. They are Moses Wisner, Fred Warner, Murray D. Van Waggoner, George Romney and our present Governor James Blanchard.

At that time, Michigan Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificates were presented to David McGregor Wallace and James Robert Wallace, great, great grandchildren of Governor Moses Wisner and his wife, Angeolina Hascall Wisner.

This certificate is given by the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council to persons who can give proof, with primary documented sources, that they are directly descended from ancestors living in Michigan when it became a State in 1837.

It was not difficult for David and James to do, for they are the seventh generation of their family to have lived in Michigan, beginning with Charles C. and Nancy Rounds Hascall, who settled here in 1819.



Florence Clark Wallace
4th Generation



David Clark Wallace
5th Generation



Sandra, Robert, Jean Whyte and David Clark Wallace, Jr., Ruby Bowman Wallace with David McGregor Wallace and James Robert Wallace
6th and 7th Generations



Jessie Wisner Clark
3rd Generation

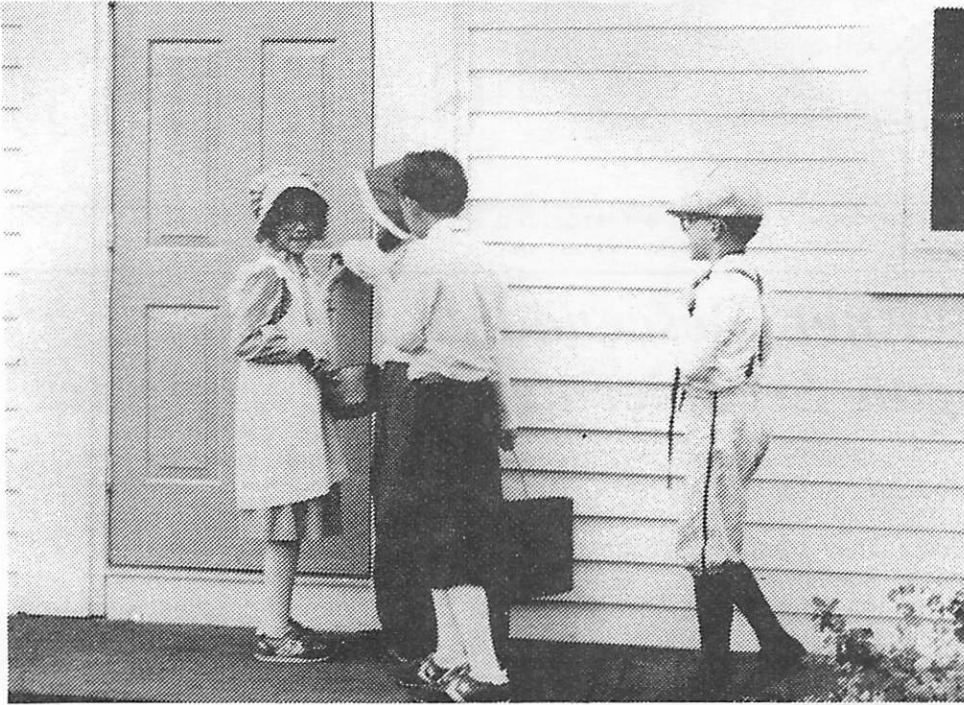


Angeolina Hascall Wisner
2nd Generation



Nancy Rounds Hascall
1st Generation

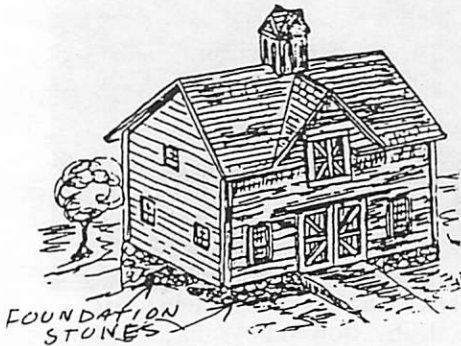
Waiting For School to Begin



Students from Rochester Christian School eagerly wait to begin their day of study and fun in the Drayton Plains One-Room School. Here they learned how the

children of an earlier era studied and lived when most of Oakland County was made up of farms and small rural communities.

Help Needed To Complete Sesquicentennial Project



Many more \$5.00 Carriage House Foundation Stones must be bought if we are to complete our Sesquicentennial Project during this coming year.

When it began last April, the funds needed to place the stonework facade over the concrete foundation of the Carriage House was estimated at approximately \$8,000.00.

The project got off to a rolling start with over 10% of the amount raised in a very short time. Now, however, it has come to a near stop.

Let's start the \$5.00 coming in again, for every stone bought is one less needed to complete the project.

Calendar of Coming Events

calendar

April 1 - Wisner Historic House and Grounds Group Tours, Wednesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 338-6732 for reservations.

April 15 - Board of Directors Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Pine Grove Carriage House.

April 17 - Closed for Good Friday.

April 19 - Easter Sunday. No Walk-In Tour.

May 17 - Sunday Walk-In Tour. 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

May 20 - Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Annual Dinner. 6:00 p.m. Main Event at Silverdome.

Annual Dinner

The Society Annual Dinner will be May 20, 1987 at the Main Event, in the Pontiac Silverdome. Tickets are \$15.00 each for the dinner and program.

The program, "The Past in Person", will feature Michael Deren, as a Civil War soldier-musician in the Union Army, who shares the humor, pain and excitement of the war years through song. He plays saxhorn, fife, concertina and fiddle.

Reserve this date now for a most entertaining evening.

New Members Welcomed

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society up to March 1, 1987. Their interest in the work of the Society and its activities is deeply appreciated.

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allerton
Mr. Russell Anderson
Mr. James Collins
Miss Jo Deyo
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duengel
Mr. Ralph Florio, Jr.
Miss Jo Gray
Mr. and Mrs. George Grba
Mr. Alfred F. Habel
Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Hackett
Mr. Robert Lamson
Dr. Robert T. Lyons
Mr. and Mrs. John Madole and Family
Ms. Sandy McVicker
Mr. H.W. Morrison
Ms. Dorothy M. Olson
Mr. Earl Oltesvig
Mrs. Wilma J. Perry
Mrs. Cherrie S. Peterson
Mrs. Mary Porter
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stoico
Mr. John Taylor
Mr. Peter Tenuta
Ms. Sally L. Terry
Mr. Edward B. Weick

In Memoriam

We regret to report the death of the following members:

Mr. Frank Allen
Mr. Paul Allison
Mr. Cecil Dumbrigue
Miss Mary Catherine Ellsworth
Mrs. Harold Fitzgerald
Mr. Richard Hewitt
Mr. Howard Huttenlocher
Mr. Peter Lektzian
Mr. Charles F. Roush
Miss Adah Shelly
Mr. Mike Spak
Mr. William Travis
Mr. John Windiate
Mr. Howard Woolley

Cecil Dumbrigue and Richard Hewitt, recently retired members of the Board of Directors, will be remembered as giving countless hours of volunteer time to the work of the Society.

Volunteer Recognition



In this issue of the Oakland Gazette, Volunteer Recognition is being given to Betty Rose, for the countless volunteer hours she has donated to help promote the work and programs of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

Betty has been a volunteer with our organization since 1980, and her time and talents have been given in a number of areas. She likes best of all, however, being a guide and talking to visitors who come to see Pine Grove and to the children spending a day in the Drayton Plains One-Room School. While taking them through the Gov. Moses Wisner Historic House and the outside museum buildings, she greatly enjoys pointing out to them how the everyday life of families who lived in Oakland County in earlier generations differed from the daily life of today.

She especially likes guiding in the Wisner bedroom, and also telling them about the Wooten Desk in the County Room of the Carriage House.

She first learned of the buildings here nearly 10 years ago. When visiting a friend living on a street just off Oakland Avenue, they walked by the Wisner House and, although it was closed, she greatly admired the house and grounds. Shortly after that, another friend, Margie Walker, then already a guide, asked if she would like to be a guide too. She took the guide training and has been busy ever since.

Occasionally she works with the Crafters, making gifts that are sold in the Potpourri Shoppe, and has also worked in the office typing and filing. A few years ago, she was one of the models in a style show at the Annual Dinner.

Betty was born and grew up in New Hampshire, first coming to Michigan when her husband, Gordon, was stationed with the army in Detroit. After their two sons were grown, she returned to school to

complete her nurses training, graduating in 1975. She then was a nurse at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"Betty is an excellent guide," says Lenna McIntyre, Chairman of the Guide Committee for the Society. "She is well informed on the guide materials, and is always willing to guide when needed, and often on short notice, when tours are heavy and extras are needed."

At this time, we are happy to honor Betty Rose, and to let her know that we truly appreciate her commitment and the invaluable contribution she makes to the work of our Society.

Volunteers Needed

As a non-profit organization our Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society must rely entirely on volunteers to help preserve, promote and keep alive our Oakland County history programs.

We need many guides to conduct tours through the Gov. Moses Wisner Historic House and museum buildings; help to keep our lawn and gardens beautiful; and others who can do simple maintenance tasks. Our office can always use extra help to answer telephone, typing and filing, working on displays and posters, and receptionists.

If you have some time to give, please call the office at 338-6732 for more information.

Tours

Scheduled group tours of the governor Moses Wisner Historic House and Grounds continue through the year until after mid-December.

Walk-In Tours are on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and during July and August, Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The tours, conducted by costumed guides, include the Wisner Historic House, restored summer kitchen, working root cellar, smokehouse, carriage house with farm museum and the Drayton Plains schoolhouse.

Reservations may be made by calling the Society's office, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rates: Scheduled Group Tours-\$20.00 minimum. Individual Tours - Adults \$2.00, Students and Senior Citizens \$1.00.

Tulip Time

The more than 2000 tulip bulbs planted last fall by our master gardner, Clarke Kimball, will soon be in full bloom.

Most of these bulbs were given to the Society by White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, and we thank them for their generous gift.

Recent Library Gifts

Books recently added to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library given by:

Donald E. and Elizabeth S. Adams.

Pictorial History of Michigan - The Early Years, by George S. May. **The Erie Canal**, by Ralph K. Andorst, (American Heritage Jr. Library), **Future Builders, The Story of Michigan's Consumers Power Co.**, by George Bush.

Happy Valley, by Thomas Erle Hadley. **Mennen Williams of Michigan, Fighter for Progress**, by Frank McNaughton.

Miracle Bridge at Mackinac, by David B. Steinman and John D. Nevill. **Michigan, A Bicentennial History**, Bruce Catton. **Jacob's Well of Life, The Autobiography of Jacob B. Sparks**, (of Royal Oak, MI). **Father Abraham's Children, Michigan Episodes in the Civil War**, by Frank B. Woodford. **Parisville Poles, First Polish Settlers in the U.S.A.?** Edited by Harry Milostan.

Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Privately Printed. The Beth El Story With A History of the Jews in Michigan Before 1850, by Irving I. Katz. **The New Justice for Children and Families and the Story of Camp Oakland, Inc.**, by Arthur E. Moore. **Pressed Glass Salt Dishes of the Lacy Period, 1825-1850**, by L.W. and B.D. Neal. **Buds and Blossoms**, by Mrs. Kittie C. McCoy.

Rex Lamoreaux

Those Wonderful Old Automobiles, Clymer. **A History of American Silhouettes**, Carrick. **The Encyclopedia of Furniture**, Aronson. **Gettysburg: The Long Encampment**, by Jack McLaughlin. **The Face of Lincoln**, Compiled and Edited by James Mellon. **The Lincoln Reader**, Edited by Paul M. Angle.

Robert Reynnells.

GM, The First 75 Years of Transportation.

Mary Weborg

Manual of Mineralogy, Published 1850.

Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Memorial Funds.

Michigan Place Names, by Walter Romig.

In The Library

Books, pamphlets, photographs, manuscripts, and old newspapers relating to Oakland County people or events. The library offers considerable information on genealogy, archeology, architecture, local geography, early settlers, townsites, businesses, industries and commerce.

Researchers are welcome Tues.-Fri. and should call for an appointment. 338-6732.

From Buds and Blossoms

VIOLETS

by Kittie C. McCoy

Violets, beautiful violets,
Down in the woodland shade,
Does one ever wonder
Why were the violets made?
Scattered all over the meadows,
Blooming to wither so soon;
Filling the air with fragrance,
Yielding their sweet perfume.

Growing so low and so humble,
Scarcely daring to raise
Their drooping heads, as the soft breeze
All round about them plays.

Each little flower of beauty
Turning to brighter blue;
Bending so modestly, gracefully,
Kissed by the morning's dew.

Teaching to all humility
And unassuming grace;
Showing that beauty's portion
Is oft in a lowly place.

A Spring Song
by Maude E. Smith

When the mud is on the highway
And the robin's on the wing,
And the tender poets carol
Forth their song of gentle spring;
Then the country housewife's fancy
'Gins 'mid future scenes to stray,
And the burden of her song is,
“When the hens begin to lay.”

Refrain-

When the hens begin to lay,
Then will come a happy day;
Oh, the lovely things I'll buy
When the hens begin to lay.

“There'll be new shoes for the baby,
There'll be jackets for the boys;
Hubby wants a gun and bird shot
And the girls shall have some toys.
I must have a hat for Easter
And a new dress right away,
And maybe I'll paint the kitchen
When the hens begin to lay.”

But alas for women's planning,
And alas for women's woes;
There are other hens in business
With the melting of the snows.
And the price of eggs drops lower
'Till you know it's down to stay,
And the only way to fortune
Is to eat the hens that lay!

When the hens begin to lay
In the spring, it doesn't pay.
Pinegree eggs and cheap potatoes
It would seem have come to stay.

MAUDE E. SMITH.

Pontiac, Mich.

Oakland County

Historic Sites

The White Lake Township Cemetery, at White Lake, was listed in the State Register of Historic Sites on August 27, 1986.

The Andrews - Leggett House, 722 Farr Street, Union Lake, is being considered by the Michigan Historical Preservation Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Early Oakland County
Poetesses Remembered
During Women's
History Month

March, 1987 has been designated as Women's History Month. Back in 1887, it would never entered the minds of the history makers to set aside a time to recognize the achievements of women as being any other than homemakers, working “sun to sun” with their “work never done.”

Two such homemakers in Oakland County, Kittle C. McCoy of Commerce Township, and Maude E. Smith Hymers, of Pontiac, were, even then, regularly contributing their poetry to the Pontiac Gazette.

Wisner Line of Descent

1. David McGregor Wallace and James Robert Wallace
Born July 31, 1981 Born Sept. 15, 1982
Place: Royal Oak, MI. Place: Royal Oak, MI
Died Died
2. Child of David Clark Wallace, Jr. married to Jean Whyte
Born May 10, 1943 Place: Pontiac, MI
Married August 24, 1974 Place: Detroit, MI
Died Place
3. Child of David Clark Wallace Sr. married to Ruby Bowman
Born June 15, 1911 Place: Highland Park, MI
Married October 18, 1941 Place: Pontiac, MI
Died April 1, 1985 Place: Pontiac, MI
4. Child of Florence Wisner Clark married to Edward Wallace
Born January 8, 1884 Place: Pontiac, MI
Married October 18, 1909 Place: Pontiac, MI
Died February 6, 1974 Place: Pontiac, MI
5. Child of Jessie Wisner married to Alpheus W. Clark
Born November 8, 1856 Place: Pontiac, MI
Married May 22, 1878 Place: Flint, MI
Died August 12, 1907 Place: Detroit, MI
6. Child of Angeolina Hascall married to Moses Wisner
Born March 4, 1828 Place: Auburn, MI
Married November 17, 1848 Place: Flint, MI
Died December 7, 1905 Place: Pontiac, MI
7. Child of Nancy Rounds married to Charles C. Hascall
Born May 29, 1797 Herkimer Co., New York
Married 1819 Place: New York
Died March 22, 1880 Place: Flint, MI

Sources of proof by generation: 1., 2., Birth Certificates; 3., 4., 5., 6., Death Certificates. 7., Early History of Michigan, Biographies of State Officers, pg. 329, Pub. Lansing, 1888, Obituaries from Flint Newspapers, (Secondary Sources.)